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For: AGENT FOR MODULATING GROWTH OR
GENERATION OF HAIR

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

BOX PATENT APPLICATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

November 30, 2001

Sir:

The following Preliminary Amendments and Remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Before line 1, insert --This application is the national phase under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of PCT International Application No. PCT/JP01/02756 which has an International filing date of March 31, 2001, which designated the United States of America.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

16. (Amended) The use according to claim 9, wherein the said agent for modulating growth or generation of hair is an agent for promoting growth or generation of hair.

24. (Amended) The method according to claim 17, wherein the said agent for modulating growth or generation of hair is an agent for promoting growth or generation of hair.

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REMARKS

The specification has been amended to provide a cross-reference to the previously filed International Application.

The claims have been amended to correct improper multiple dependencies and to place the application into better form for examination.

Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited. An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

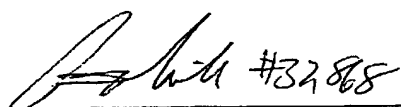
Attached hereto is marked-up version of the changes made to the application by this Amendment.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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The claims have been amended as follows:

16. (Amended) The use according to [any one of claims 9 to 15]claim 9, wherein the said agent for modulating growth or generation of hair is an agent for promoting growth or generation of hair.

24. (Amended) The method according to [any one of cliams 17 to 23]claim 17, wherein the said agent for modulating growth or generation of hair is an agent for promoting growth or generation of hair.

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